

**VDH COVID Partner Call**  
**Friday, May 21, 2021**

- **Introduction, Suzi Silverstein, VDH Office of Emergency Preparedness:**

- <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/>

- **Vaccination Update, Bob Mauskpaf, VDH Office of Emergency Preparedness:**

- Vaccination numbers in the last few weeks have dropped significantly, however, upon the day of action number have increased.
  - The days of the large Community Vaccination Centers are changing and we are focusing mobile, vendor supported vaccination solutions.
  - We have partnered with some school divisions to ensure that the adolescent populations can begin to receive their vaccinations.
  - Should this population get their vaccinations at a community based site, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- **Mask Guideline update, VDH Community Mitigation Team:**

- Effective May 15, Governor Northam amended Executive Order 72 to align with CDC's Updated Guidelines for Fully Vaccinated People, which recommends that anyone who is fully vaccinated can participate in indoor and outdoor activities without wearing a mask. Exceptions include K-12 public and private schools, public transit, healthcare facilities, homeless shelters, and correctional facilities.
  - Per EO 72, employees who work in certain business sectors—including restaurants, retail, fitness, personal care, and entertainment—must continue to wear masks unless fully vaccinated, consistent with CDC guidelines.
  - Individuals who are fully vaccinated may also continue to wear masks if they choose to do so.
  - All business and gathering restrictions will be lifted when Executive Order 79 takes effect early morning Friday May 28 (prior to Mem Day weekend)- this is earlier than originally planned for June 15.
  - In order to protect themselves and others, unvaccinated people should continue to mask and remain physically distanced in most settings.
  - For more info on mask requirements: [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/clothface-covers/](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/clothface-covers/)

- **Question and Answer Session:**

- **QUESTION:** David Herring, Cannon Virginia, permit standard for disease prevention and how does that reconcile with the Governors Executive Order?
  - **RESPONSE:** Jay Withrow, VA DOLI, Final permanent standard contains a provision that allows employers, when they comply with CDC guidance to be considered to be in compliance with a particular provision in the standards. When these issues have come up, we are required to get together with VDH and respond to the change and we do that

through the use of FAQ's posted on our website with regard to fully vaccinated people that brings our standards in line with EO 72 and CDC guidance. These can be found at [doh.virginia.gov](https://doh.virginia.gov) or via an email to [jay.withrow@doh.virginia.gov](mailto:jay.withrow@doh.virginia.gov)

- **FOLLOW UP:** The other piece of our risk assessment is what portion of our population is vaccinated so our people can know what our level of risk is. When the Governor talks about the population of people that are vaccinated, we have looked at the 0-19 population across the state. Anybody have any feeling on whether that is a logical way to look at vaccination percentages? Does this logic make sense?
- **RESPONSE:** This does make some logical sense, but you cannot make a broad assumption there are too many variables to consider.
- **ADDITIONAL RESPONSE:** You could also visit the VDH website and look at threshold at the county levels, i.e. moderate, etc. Levels of community spread.
- **QUESTION:** States Community Bankers, I cannot recall any information regarding the sanitizing of surfaces, has that changed?
- **RESPONSE:** We would encourage the following of the EO guidelines for cleaning and disinfection. The EO has not affected those changes. Cleaning once per day in those settings is sufficient. However, CDC stated that if you know someone has been sick or exposed, then you should clean and disinfect the space.

- **Closing, Suzi Silverstein, VDH Office of Emergency Preparedness:**

- People have been contacting us that are losing their vaccination cards, starting next week, there will be a lookup of your information through entering some data onto a website and be able to print a replacement card.
- We will also continue our calls on a twice monthly basis. Our next call will be June 4.